

Directions for Cedar Creek & Belle Grove National Historical Park Podcast Tour

This 18-mile tour consists of 10 stops, and although designed to be completed by vehicle, can also be used by experienced cyclists. However, all of the roads used are public (state or county) and traffic on some can be fairly heavy (especially the Valley Pike, Route 11). Use caution, especially when pulling into traffic or slowing for a stop, as some stops are located at pull-offs along the road shoulder. **Long Meadow Road** and **Bowman's Mill Road**, located at the southern end of the park, are also unimproved (narrow, gravel surfaced and two-way). Obey all posted speed limits and traffic regulations.

(CAUTION: This tour should not be attempted by buses, as some roads are too narrow, and the route encounters two railroad crossings with low clearance)

Tour starts at the **Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation Headquarters** (8437 Valley Pike, Middletown, VA).

1. Turn left out of the Foundation Headquarters parking lot and proceed south on the Valley Pike (Rt. 11) 1.0 mile.
2. Turn left onto Water Plant Road. Proceed 1.0 mile.
3. Turn right onto Long Meadow Road. Proceed 0.1 mile.
4. Turn right onto Bowman's Mill Road. Proceed 1.4 miles to Stop 2.
5. **Stop 2 (8th Corps Camps)** is located at sharp left bend on Bowman's Mill Road, near a metal cattle gate (on the right), which is clearly marked "No Trespassing," along with a small white sign which reads "Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation - Access By Permission Only." Pull off to the right side of the road just before the gate.
6. Proceed 0.6 mile on Bowman's Mill Road. Turn right to stay on Bowman's Mill Road, at intersection with Long Meadow Road.
7. Proceed 0.1 mile to Stop 3.
8. **Stop 3** is located at **Bowman's Mill Ford**. Park on the right side of road just prior to the low water bridge which crosses Cedar Creek.
9. Carefully turn vehicle around and proceed 0.1 mile back on Bowman's Mill Road to its intersection with Long Meadow Road.
10. Turn right onto Long Meadow Road. Proceed 2.3 miles to Stop 4. (The confluence of Cedar Creek and the North Fork of the Shenandoah River is 1.2 miles along Long Meadow Road).
11. **Stop 4** is located just beyond the driveway to **Long Meadow Farm**. Park vehicle along the right side of the road in order to not block the driveway and allow other vehicles to pass. *Long Meadow is privately owned and is not open to the public. (Visitors are encouraged to stay in their vehicles).*
12. Proceed 0.9 mile along Long Meadow Road.
13. Turn left onto Water Plant Road. Proceed 1.0 mile.
14. Turn right onto Valley Pike (Rt. 11), traveling north less than 0.1 mile.
15. Turn left onto gravel access road to Stop 5.
16. **Stop 5 (19th Corps)** is located at the 128th New York Monument. Park in front of the monument.

17. Turn vehicle around and then turn left onto Valley Pike (Rt. 11). Proceed north on Valley Pike (Rt. 11) 0.7 mile.
18. Turn left onto Belle Grove Road. Proceed 0.5 mile to Stop 6.
19. **Stop 6** is located at the parking lot at the entrance to **Belle Grove**. *Visitors are encouraged to visit the house and grounds.*
20. Leave parking lot. Turn right onto Belle Grove Road. Proceed 0.1 mile.
21. Turn right onto Meadow Mills Road. Proceed 0.8 mile.
22. Turn left onto Veteran Road. Proceed 0.4 mile.
23. Turn right onto State Route 635 (SR 635). Proceed 0.3 mile to Stop 7.
24. **Stop 7 (Middletown Cemetery)** is located at the small gravel parking area in front of the second set of brick entrance gates to Mt. Carmel Cemetery. *Visitors are encouraged to walk into the cemetery, to near the white cinderblock building along the cemetery's first driveway. Please be respectful of the cemetery grounds. This is an active cemetery. (Please do not enter the cemetery grounds if a funeral procession is in progress).*
25. Proceed 0.3 mile along High Street.
26. Turn right onto Chapel Road. Proceed less than 0.1 mile.
27. Turn left onto Mineral Street. Proceed 0.5 mile to Stop 8.
28. **Stop 8** is located at **Miller's Mill**. Park the car along the right side of the road, opposite the Miller house and just beyond the intersection of Mineral Street and Cougill Road. *The Miller House is privately owned and not open to the public. (Visitors are encouraged to stay in their vehicles).*
29. Proceed 0.8 mile along Cougill Road.
30. Turn right onto Hites Road. Proceed 0.9 mile.
31. Turn right onto Klines Mill Road. Proceed 0.9 mile to Stop 9.
32. **Stop 9 (Sheridan's Arrival)** is located on the small concrete bridge that spans Meadow Brook. Park your vehicle in the gravel area on the right side of the bridge. *(Visitors are encouraged to stay in their vehicles).*
33. Proceed 0.5 mile to the Valley Pike (Rt. 11).
34. Turn right onto the Valley Pike (Rt. 11). Proceed 1.4 miles south on the Valley Pike.
35. Turn left onto Skirmisher Lane (opposite Cougill Road) to Stop 10. (This is the 3rd entrance into the Lord Fairfax Community College campus).
36. **Stop 10 (Union Counterattack)** is located at the parking lot at the southern end of the Lord Fairfax Community College campus. Please park in the first available parking spaces at the edge of the parking lot. *Visitors are encouraged to visit the state historical marker titled "Battle of Cedar Creek" located at the western end of the parking lot, fronting Rt. 11. Caution: The campus parking lots can be quite full on weekdays during the fall and spring semesters. Please respect the campus grounds and facilities.*